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URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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CORRUPTION AND IRREGULARITIES IN DDA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids were conducted by CBI tocheck the corruption and irregularities in Delhi Development Authority some months ago and several officers were suspended;

(b) if so, the details of the officers who have been reinstated and the officers who are still under suspension;

(c) the details of the officers of the Housing Department against whom inquiry is pending but have not been suspended;

(d) whether action has been taken against junior officials and employees in this regard;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) the reasons for reinstatement of the suspended officials without obtaining clearance from the CBI; and

(g) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to weed out corruption and punish the guilty officers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The CBI conducted raids at the residential andoffice premises of some of DDA officials on 10.11.2000 and recommended suspension of the following 9 officials:

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1. V.K. Singhal, Director (Housing)
2. M.S. Sharma, Jt. Director (Housing)
3. M.L. Ahuja, Asstt. Director (Wefare)
4. Jagbir Choudhary, Asstt. (EHS)
5. R.P. Sharma, Asstt. (EHS)
6. Satbir Singh, Dealing Assistant
7. J.P. Sharma, Dealing Assistant
8. Ashok Kapoor, PS to VC
9. Smt. Usha Ravichandran, PS to Commissioner (personnel)

Official mentioned at Sl. No. 3, 6 and 7 were already under suspension in some other cases. The remaining six officials were placed under suspension. One offcial, at Sl. 9 has since been reinstated.

(c)to(e): The CBI which is investigating the case ofHousing Department, recommended suspension of nine offcials. Out of nine officials, three officials were already under suspension and remaining six officials were also placed under suspension.

DDA has reported that action aginst all the offcials involved in the case so far has been taken irrespective of their status.

(f): A s some of the suspended officials made representations for reinstatement, the matter was referred to the C B Ifor comments/status of investigation. On receipt of CBI report, the matterregarding reinstatement was referred to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). The CVC advised that since it is an administrativematter, the competent authority may take a decision. Keeping all the facts in view, the disciplinary authority of DDA decided to reinstate one of the suspended officials.

(g): The following steps have been taken to improve the functioning of DDA and curb corruption:-

1. Certain functions like draw of lots have been computerised to bring transparency in the system. These draws are held in the

presence of Judges invited from outside the department. Results of draw are duly notified and published through newspapers with a view to eliminate inconvenience to the public.

2. Management information sytem has been introduced to monitor the progress of operations like conversion from lease hold to free hold, issue of allotment/possession letters.

3. A computerised receipt counter has been introduced where different kind of requests of the allottees are received and replies thereof delivered at the counter itself after 15 days.

4. Orders have been issued that in future no refund will be sent at the address of Special Power of Attorney. It will be given only to the original allottees, generally by post after obtaining Bank Account No. of the allottees.

To curb the corrupt practices regular prevention and punitive action is being taken. The departmental action is initiated as and when any irregularity is noticed and stern action taken if charges are established during enquiry.